

## **CTK E-News Contents-November 19, 2015**

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### **A Note From Pastor Andrew**

Lately I have really been thinking about faith. Faith in God, yes, but faith also in people and myself. I guess the question I have been wrestling with is, “what drives people when it comes to their, ‘personal compass.’” I do not want to say one’s morals, but one’s reasoning to do or not do things. I recently had a run in with someone that took advantage of me. Yet, when I discovered it, I was not mad at the person, I was mad at myself, but mostly because I let my family down. The question though that I found had arisen for me was why am I so trusting? Why do I immediately assume the “good” in people before I consider the “bad?” Am I the one at fault, thereby needing to change my ways of how I perceive people, or do I move forward believing, having faith, that people at their core, or somewhere deep inside have some good in them? Maybe I am naïve, and according to some, I am, or is there something more? Is there something within that is trying to tell me what really matters, what I/we should be focusing on and be driven by, are not earthly worries or things, but heavenly things, God things?

Then the question arises once again. What drives us, what pushes us to do the things we do? What drove the people we call terrorists to fly planes into the twin towers? What drives people to bomb clinics that perform abortions? What drove the people to do what they did in Paris? I mean what brings people to that point, a point of no return, and why do so many follow blindly? I keep mulling this over in my head and I keep coming back to the same answer, it must be their faith. Their belief that these extreme measures must be taken in order to show the world that their faith must be recognized, it must be acknowledged. A belief that the thing they will do or have done is the only way to bring about the change they seek, or will show the world the lengths they will go. What brings people to such a place? I honestly do not know, but all I can make sense of is surely their reasoning has fallen to the wayside, and I cannot help but ask the age-old question, “Where could God possibly be in all this travesty?”

I am tired of hearing how “evil” this world is, granted there is tremendous evil; honestly it would be ignorant of me to deny that, but what about the good? Why does the bad always seem to have a louder voice? What about the joys and triumphs of life, of this earth? What about the triumph that is God, specifically in Jesus Christ? Why are we not living into more of that, why do we focus on all the pain and further find solace in being there? Is this world hopeless? God promised never to flood the world again, right, but did He make a mistake? Are we lost? My faith tells me, in fact it screams to me, no. No, there is good in this world, there is good in all of God’s children. Now how am I going to be the good and move forward living in that myself, but also helping the other to do the same, even in the very face of what we may term evil?

Maybe I am naïve.

I wonder though, what is your faith telling you?

Pastor Andrew

## **Announcements**

### **Moving Days for CTK**

We will be moving CTK to our new location at 911 Baldwin Road on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28 (if needed).

We can use everyone's help. Please meet at our current location on Friday, November 27 at noon if you can help out.

If we need to move more on Saturday we will meet at 9:00 am.

### **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (or immediately following worship). We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Lunch with Santa**

Please join us on Saturday, December 12 at 12:00 noon for lunch with Santa. Invite friends and family. Everyone is welcome.

### **CTK Teams**

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

### **Marketing and Publicity Team**

Next meeting is December 3 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

### **Fellowship Team**

Next meeting is on December 13 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

### **Outreach Team**

Next meeting is December 10 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

### **Worship Team**

Our next meeting is November 19 (one week early because of Thanksgiving) at 5:45 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

## **CTK Small Groups**

### **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible study will meet at Nora's house on November 18 at 1:00 pm.

### **Sowing Threads of Fellowship**

Our meeting time for November will be Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. We will meet at Nora's home. We welcome new people to join us. Bring your sewing and enjoy fellowship with others!!

### **Women's Group**

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! For December we will meet at The White Horse Inn at 6:00 p.m. on December 8. Please sign up on the bulletin board or respond to this email so we know how many to make reservations for.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Thursday, November 19**

5:45 pm Worship Team meeting

6:30 pm River of Hope Worship

#### **Sunday, November 22**

8:15 am Fellowship

9:00 am Worship

#### **Sunday, November 29**

8:15 am Fellowship

9:00 am Worship

#### **Tuesday, December 1**

7:00 pm Sowing Threads of Fellowship\*

#### **Wednesday, December 2**

6:30 pm Advent Worship at 911 Baldwin Road

#### **Thursday, December 3**

6:30 pm River of Hope Worship at 911 Baldwin Road

7:15 pm Marketing and Publicity Team meeting

#### **Sunday, December 6**

10:00 am Worship at 911 Baldwin Road

#### **Tuesday, December 8**

6:00 pm Women's group\* at White Horse Inn, Metamora

#### **Wednesday, December 9**

6:30 pm Advent Worship

#### **Thursday, December 10**

6:30 pm River of Hope Worship at 911 Baldwin Road

7:15 pm Outreach Team meeting

#### **Sunday, December 6**

10:00 am Worship at 911 Baldwin Road

